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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith paper and computer readable copies of the sequence listing. Applicant notes that the paper and computer readable forms of amino acid sequence listings are being filed with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371, which includes a notice to comply with sequence requirements dated February 14, 2006.

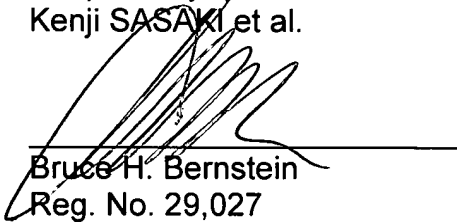
Inasmuch as the two-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Notice to expire on April 14, 2006, this statement is being filed in a timely manner and no fee for extension is deemed necessary. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Applicant hereby states that the submission, filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(g), herein does not include new matter.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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